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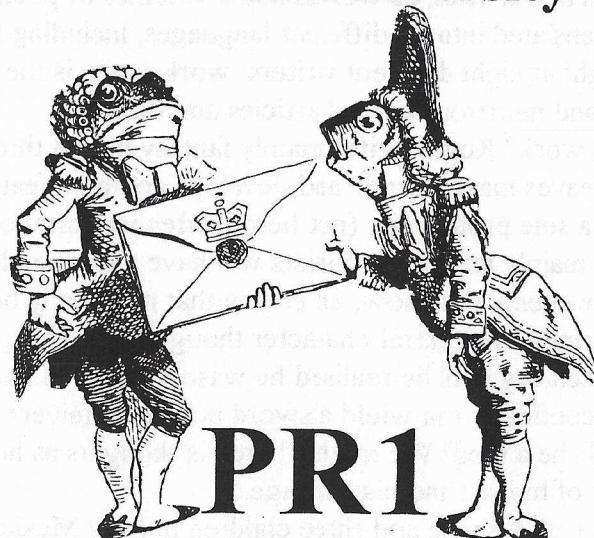


Guest of Honour : Roger Zelazny

**Guests : Mike Scott Rohan
Colin Greenland**

Fri 30th July - Sun 1st Aug 1993

At Leeds University



PR1

Annual National Student Science Fiction Convention

WELCOME

PR1 at last reaches your hands, almost on schedule. Big things have happened since last Summer; we have a Guest of Honour, other guests, programme ideas implemented, site organised. The idea of a student discount and trying to get more students to the Unicon seems well received. If fandom is to grow (and so many people complain that fandom is greying) then young people need to be encouraged and older (ahem, more mature) fans need to do that encouraging. Whether you are young or old, neo or BNF, you will be welcome at Lunicon if you are welcoming to other people. Send us your money, get a room and volunteer for everything – please?

Barry Traish

ROGER ZELAZNY

Roger Zelazny is a very successful American writer with an impressive record. He has a whole host of awards from the SF community, including six Hugos, three Nebulas, two Balrogs and a Locus award. He has published approximately 40 novels, over 150 short stories and articles, as well as some volumes of poetry, variously translated into 17 different languages, including Braille. He has taught at eight different writers' workshops, is the subject of five books and numerous critical articles and theses.

What of his work? Roger writes mainly fantasy fiction through which he weaves many strands and develops common features. He usually has a sole protagonist (not hero), often immortal or super-human. His mainly male protagonists will have a girlfriend, who is linked to the enemy somehow, an enemy that may really be on his side. Confusing? The central character thought everything was fine in the 20th century until he realised he wasn't a normal man. He is strong and confident, can wield a sword but has a university education. Is he a God? We might share his thoughts as he unravels the mystery of himself and his heritage.

Roger lives with his wife and three children in New Mexico.

Barry Traish

MICHAEL SCOTT ROHAN

Mike is a local author of mostly fantasy novels, with the odd science fiction and non-fiction book thrown in. He has also written in conjunction with Allan Scott.

He is most famous for *The Winter of the Worlds* trilogy, where ice meets metal in a contention of the 'Powers' that wield them. He is also known for *Chase the Morning* and its recent sequel *The Gates of Noon*, in which he develops his idea of 'Powers' and the way that they meddle in the world of humans. This is in a maritime setting straight out of history, but which also exists in a hidden corner of the present.

Michael is an author of great talent – if you haven't read any of his books you are missing out.

Paul Cooper

COLIN GREENLAND

Colin has been a guest of honour and guest at two previous Lucons, but unfortunately was unable to attend either, due to bad weather and illness. However, we expect no snow in July and he is recovering from his M.E., so perhaps third time lucky. Colin has written several books: his Ph.D. thesis became the critical work *The Entropy Exhibition*, about Moorcock and the British New Wave; he wrote three early novels before hitting the big time with a space opera, *Take Back Plenty*, which won the BSFA award and Arthur C. Clarke Award. His latest work, *Harm's Way*, (due late May) is also a space opera, but about a little girl called Sophie Farthing. It is "like Doc Smith rewritten by Charlotte Brontë".

Barry Traish

CREDITS

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THE PROGRAMME

The LUNICON programme is based on three things: madness, Zelazny and nothing else. The main thrust of the madness side of things will be based around Lewis Carol. There will be the Mad Hatter's Tea Party (also known as the traditional Food tasting and Cocktail workshop). This should provide some unique opportunities to invent state of the art cocktails while sampling state of the art food. (The state of the floor afterwards being something like a Jackson Pollack painting). Weather permitting we hope to have flamingoes and hedgehogs available for croquet on the grass (painted hedgehogs and inflatable flamingoes, although I can never make the flamingoes roll?). The more serious items will include such discussions as the role of the madman in SF. (Characters that is, not aging author syndrome).

A major part of the programme will be based around the work of our Guest of Honour. Other than our Roger's main speech, it will include such items as 'These Immortals – the role of the immortal in fantasy fiction' and 'Nine sequels to Amber – Is the sequential novel the future of fantasy?'

For those who like taking part in things rather than sitting vegetating there will be numerous silly games going on (see the article on games elsewhere) and most of all there will be a cabaret. Leeds University SF society have taken part in numerous cabarets over the last couple of years, providing many amusing sketches (some even had original jokes in them) including the now infamous 'Flashing Light Sabre' sequences. I can't reveal what the new Light Sabre will include (mainly because we haven't started recording it yet) however there will be a new version, tentatively titled 'The All New Flashing Light Sabre'.

Anyone who has something they wish to run/participate in/present should contact us as soon as possible in order to let us schedule things and arrange for any special technical needs

Andrew Adams

GAMES

MATT'S SEVEN

Can you name the 7 members of the Nostromo's crew?

The original Blake's 7?

7 time travellers?

I hope so, because these are some of the easy questions in a new game devised for Lunicon, in which six mugs (sorry – contestants) try to name seven items in a given topic, avoiding booby prizes and forfeits along the way. If you want to be a victim (ahem, did it again – I mean contestant), you can contact me, the vicious and cruel judge, via the Lunicon address (See Feedback Form) or e-mail to che4n1al@uk.ac.leeds.novell.ecu-01.

Matt Farr

CLUEDO: THE NEXT GENERATION

This extract was taken out of the log of the USS Enterprise, Star Date 'a large number' plus 0.4 :

"The journey to go where 16 billion people have gone before has, until 9.467218 hundred hours this morning, been uneventful. Now, however, the ship's computer has reported that Ensign Wesley Crusher has gone missing, reason unknown. After an investigation led by Mr. Data it has been discovered that Wesley's disappearance is not due to the effects of one of his experiments. This leaves only one conclusion: MURDER. Upon Data's announcement, the whole crew, including me, has broken down and confessed. As Data is the only impartial member of the crew, he will lead the investigation to find the real culprit, so that they may receive the medal and promotion they deserve.

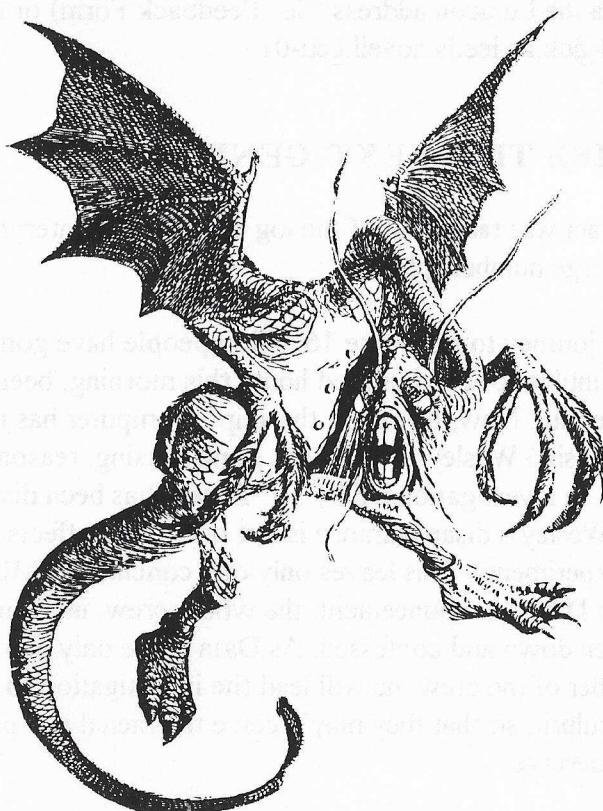
Mr. Data's investigation begins . . ."

Paul Cooper

SPACE BATTLE

Two mighty battle fleets face each other out in the wastes of space. They hurl mighty missiles at each other's shields, weakening each ship in turn until it is destroyed. The missiles they hurl are fiendishly devised questions about Science Fiction (book, film, TV and radio). Answering correctly means the shield holds, answering incorrectly weakens the shield until the ship is destroyed. Watch out for the Mega-Zap missiles: the enemy only has a few – deflecting these doubles your shield strength, but let one through and the ship is destroyed. An individual who answers a question gains prestige (i.e. points). If they don't know the answer, the rest of the fleet can help, but the prestige is gone.

Andrew Adams



Playing Space Battle for team A is ...

LEEDS

Leeds is picturesque, beautiful and full of fascinating people. Sadly, that Leeds is a small village near Bristol and Lunicon isn't being held there. It is being held in Leeds, fourth largest city in Britain, home of ..., home of ... well, Leeds United. Well, it does have things like the most shops per person in Europe and the North's largest book shop. Anyway, Leeds is very central, very accessible, very big and could provide as much entertainment as any con-goer could want. Yes – that good!

Matt Farr

THE SITE

Charles Morris Hall is the most popular hall of residence at Leeds University with an applicants:places ratio of about 9:1. It is located centrally on campus, connected to Europe's longest branched corridor, Red Route, where it is rumoured that some of *Blake's 7* was filmed. Only 15 minutes from the city centre, and less from the many pizza places to be found around the student ghetto. The main building of Charlie Mo is based around a long, open corridor which links all the con areas. The bar is particularly spacious and well stocked. Rooms are just upstairs (one lift) from the con. If you have any special needs, please do say so on the feedback form and we will do our best to accommodate you. Facilities for double rooms are currently being investigated. Please take a room!

Barry Traish

Warning!

This is to certify that this is a genuine Unicon, following on in the spirit of the 13 previous conventions of that name. You may hear of a con called *Unicon '93*. This is a Star Trek convention, also held in June. In the unlikely event that the Unicon should change date or location, you will be informed immediately. Do not be confused.

Beware of expensive imitations!

MEMBERSHIP

1	A	Andrew Adams	34	A	Mayo Marriott
15	P	Mike Alexander	4	P	Kenny Meacham
21	A	Brian Ameringen	11	A	Dave Melling
8	P	John Bray	20	A	Caroline Mullen
38	A	Mike Birchall	22	A	Larry van der Putte
35	A	Adam Connor	23	A	Gareth Rees
37	A	Mark Cooper	32	A	Ian Sorenson
36	A	Paul Cooper	13	P	Marcus Streets
9	P	Paul M. Cray	14	P	Ray Streets
18	A	Rafe Culpin	24	A	Emma Taylor
3	P	Heather Cummings	5	A	Rachel Thomas
12	A	Paul Dormer	25	A	Ivan Towlson
26	A	Gwen Funnel	33	A	Barry Traish
2	P	Steve Glover	27	A	Peter Wareham
16	A	Bridget Hardcastle	30	C	Karen Westhead
6	P	Niall Hosking	28	A	Kathy Westhead
17	A	Tim Illingworth	29	A	Mike Westhead
7	P	Niall Jackson	31	C	Peter Westhead
10	P	Duncan Lunan	19	A	Alastair Wheeler-Reid

RATES

Attending Membership : £12

Supporting Membership : £6

Children (under 14) : £2

Students : 50% discount

Please make cheques payable to 'LUNICON'.

Pay now, before the price goes up!

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